

## EXECUTIVE

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2018

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 8 February 2018. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

Please note that the Recommendations to Council (items 12-16 on the list) cannot be called in.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

#### 5. **ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolved: (i) That the proposal to decrease the published admission number (PAN) for Osbaldwick Primary School from 60 to 45, as outlined in paragraphs 47-58 of the report, be approved.

Reason: To assist the school with more appropriate class organisation and use of resources.

(ii) That, subject to the amendment agreed in (i) above, the proposed PANs for all City of York Council schools for the school year beginning in September 2019, as set out in Annex A, be approved.

(iii) That the co-ordinated schemes and admissions policies for all City of York Council schools for the 2019/20 school year, as set out in Annexes B-G and Y-AA to the report, be approved.

Reason: To meet the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice.

## 6. CITY TRANSPORT ACCESS MEASURES

Resolved: (i) That Officers be requested to work with representatives from North Yorkshire Police, York BID, Make it York, York Minster and York Racecourse to upgrade existing highway infrastructure, and to identify additional locations where vehicle restrictions will take precedence over access requirements due to the potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles.

(ii) That these proposals be developed and determined at a future Decision Session of the Executive Member for Transport & Planning.

Reason: To ensure that the risks identified by the police are acted upon as soon as possible in the interests of public safety, but in a managed and qualitative way, in consultation with key partners.

(iii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy & Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Transport & Planning and the Interim Deputy Leader, to make decisions in relation to a one year trial, proposals for which will be developed with York Racecourse to minimise the impact on transport infrastructure at the racecourse, principally taxis and buses, to expedite the delivery of a scheme before the first race of the 2018 season.

Reason: To ensure that there are adequate crowd safety measures and protocols in place before the first race meeting of 2018.

(iv) That Officers be instructed to engage and work with key disabled access stakeholders, e.g. Disabled Parking Association and Shopmobility, to review disabled parking within the city centre at the same time as this overall work programme.

Reason: In order to mitigate the potential loss of disabled parking in the city, ensuring a safe city centre which is as accessible as possible to all.

(v) That Officers be instructed to engage and work with York BID and traders' representatives to minimise the impact on the operation of local businesses within the city centre.

Reason: In order to mitigate the potential issues relating to deliveries and servicing local businesses within the city centre.

(vii) That subject to Council approving the funding recommended in Minute 129, approval be given to start the procurement of external contractor support to bring in the expertise and resources to deliver this scheme, with detailed proposals to be brought to the Executive Member for Transport & Planning.

Reason: In view of the limited resources, and lack of relevant expertise in this field, within the council.

(viii) That the use of any temporary measures to limit vehicle access be continued where appropriate.

Reason: To continue to provide a flexible and responsive approach to public safety within the city.

## **7. PROPOSED LONG TERM LEASE HOLGATE BOWLING GREEN AND PAVILLION**

Resolved: That approval be given to let Holgate Bowling Green to the Railway Institute Bowls Club for a term of 30 years, at a peppercorn rent, in accordance with the lease terms set out in the Council's Asset Transfer Policy.

Reason: To develop and operate social, sporting and recreational activities for club members and all sections of the local community.

## **8. DISPOSAL OF WILLOW HOUSE, WALMGATE, YORK**

Resolved: (i) That the sale of Willow House to Cavendish and Gloucester Properties Ltd., as the highest bidder, be approved.

(ii) That Bidder 3 be retained as a reserve bidder and, should Cavendish and Gloucester Properties Ltd. fail to complete the purchase of Willow House, that Willow House be sold to Bidder 3.

Reason: To achieve the best consideration for the Willow House site, and facilitate investment in the Older Persons Accommodation Programme.

#### **9. 2017/18 FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITOR 3**

Resolved: That the finance and performance information provided in the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

#### **10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 3 2017/18**

Resolved: (i) That the 2017/18 revised budget of £88.586m, as set out in Table 1 at paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.

(ii) That the re-stated capital programme for 2017/18 to 2021/22, as set out in Table 2 at paragraph 54, be noted.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

#### **11. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2022/23**

Resolved: (i) That the average rent decrease of 1%, described in paragraph 158 of the report and shown in Table 14 at paragraph 159, be applied to all 'social housing rents' for 2018/19.

Reason: As required by legislation.

(ii) That the average rent increase of 4%, described in paragraph 60, be applied to all rents which fall outside the definition of 'social housing rents' for 2018/19.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing financial stability of the HRA and allow work on improving the quality of the council's affordable housing to continue.

(iii) That the receipt of an additional £457k adult social care grant announced in the final settlement on 6 February be noted.

Reason: So that this can be taken into account in the recommendations to Council.

(iv) That Officers be requested to:

- a) Provide more management data on council owned garages (*there is income being lost from poor promotion of vacant garages in areas where there is demand*);
- b) Develop schemes to promote a system for nearby residents to combine bulk waste requests, as trialled with the Community Recycling Scheme;
- c) Work with Yorwaste to reduce charges at the Household Waste Recycling Centre for inert domestic waste.

(v) That the Chief Executive and Director for Adult Social Care be requested to set up a meeting of organisations including the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS Trust and other partners, to examine plans for the resolution of funding pressures on health services for residents, covering the 'winter pressures' and delayed transfer of care.

Reason: To ensure that these areas of particular concern for residents are properly addressed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

### **12. CITY TRANSPORT ACCESS MEASURES**

Recommended: That the Built Environment Fund allocation (£1.187m) set aside in the Capital Programme to develop a business case for Public Realm improvements be used to fund the delivery of initial proposed access restrictions.

Reason: To provide the necessary financial resource to enable the scheme to be progressed.

**13. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MONITOR 3 2017/18**

Recommended: That Council approve the adjustments to the programme detailed in the report and contained in Annex A, resulting in a decrease of £19.324m in the 2017/18 budget.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the council's capital programme.

**14. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2022/23**

Recommended: (i) That the £46k cut to the OAP Garden Scheme (HRA4) in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) savings proposals at Annex 6 to the report be deleted, to be replaced by a balancing increase to the Housing Repairs savings (HRA1) through improved IT systems to avoid wasted appointments.

(ii) That, subject to that amendment, Council approve the budget proposals as outlined in the report; in particular:

- a) The net revenue expenditure requirement of £121.877m;
- b) A council tax requirement of £85.898m;
- c) The revenue growth proposals outlined in the body of the report;
- d) The 2018/19 revenue proposals outlined in Annex 2;
- e) The fees and charges proposals outlined in Annex 4;
- f) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget set out in Annex 5 and the HRA savings proposals set out in Annex 6;
- g) The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 162;
- h) The use of £373k New Homes Bonus funding to fund one-off investment, as outlined in paragraph 54;

- i) An £800k increase in the contingency budget to fund adult social care, in particular winter pressures and delayed transfers of care, subject to a further report to Executive;
- j) The receipt of an additional £457k adult social care grant announced in the final settlement on 6 February, to be considered alongside i) above and subject to a further report to Executive;
- k) The release of one-off funding of £450k from the transport reserve to fund ongoing expenditure;
- l) The use of £38k of the £156k funding from the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool (*as per the budget report to Executive on 9 February 2017; Minute 121 of that meeting refers*) to support the city's cultural centre by progressing the development and promotion of a clearly defined Cultural Strategy with the Cultural Leaders Group, as set out in a recent Scrutiny report to Executive.

Reason: To ensure that a legally balanced budget is set.

## 15. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2022/23

Recommended: That Council:

- (i) Approve the revised capital programme of **£314.611m**, reflecting a net overall increase of **£54.767m** (as set out in Table 10 at paragraph 81 of the report and in Annex B), key elements of which include:
  - Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £8.270m, as set out in Table 3 and summarised in Table 10;
  - New schemes totalling £8.506m, including an increase in prudential borrowing of £2.356m, as set out in Table 4 and summarised in Table 10;

- Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £5.380m, as set out in Table 5 and summarised in Table 10;
- An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £32.611m, funded from a combination of HRA balances and Right to Buy receipts, as set out in Table 6 and summarised in Table 10.

- (ii) Approve the full re-stated programme totalling **£314.611m**, as set out in Table 11 and Annex A.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming 2018/19 financial year.

## 16. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

Recommended: That Council approve:

- a) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19, including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- b) The Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 to 2022/23 detailed in the body of the report;
- c) The specified and non-specified investments schedule at Annex B;
- d) The scheme of delegation and the role of the Section 151 Officer in Annex D.

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.